GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force set up to identify the Backward Districts has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Backward Districts identified and declared so far, State- wise;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to develop these districts;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith allocation of funds for the purpose;

(f) whether the Government propose to include some more Districts of Tamil Nadu and other States in the revise list of backward Districts; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 113 (13th Position) DUE FOR REPLY ON 25th FEBRUARY 2003 REGARDING BACKWARD DISTRICTS

(a) & (b) A Task Force was set up under the chairmanship of Minister (RD) which wasalso required to identify the most distressed districts of the country. The Task Force has submitted its final report. The Task Force had identified 131 districts as the most distressed in the country.

(c) The state-wise number of the districts identified by the Task Force are given at Annexure.

(d) to (g) The Scheme has not been finalized.

Anexure as referred to in the Statement to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.113 answered on 25.2.2003.

Sl. No.	State/UT	Districts
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	3
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1
3	ASSAM	6
4	BIHAR	19
5	CHHATISGARH	4
6	GOA	1
7	GUJARAT	2
8	HARYANA	1
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR (#)	2
11	JHARKHAND	6
12	KARNATAKA	4
13	KERALA	1
14	MADHYA PRADESH	10
15	MAHARASHTRA	8
16	MANIPUR	1
17	MEGHALAYA	1
18	MIZORAM	1
19	NAGALAND	1
20	ORISSA	9

21	PUNJAB	1
22	RAJASTHAN	3
23	SIKKIM	1
24	TAMIL NADU	5
25	TRIPURA	1
26	UTTAR PRADESH	25
27	UTTARANCHAL	1
28	WEST BENGAL	12
29	A & N ISLANDS	0
30	CHANDIGARH	0
31	D&N HAVELI	0
32	DAMAN & DIU	0
33	DELHI	0
34	LAKSHADWEEP	0
35	PONDICHERRY	0

Total 131

The Task Force has selected an extra district for the State of J&K.